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SUBJECT: OOG CHAIRMAN PHUC WILL HEAD VIETNAM'S TIFA COUNCIL  
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11. (U) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent Post a November 19 Diplomatic Note announcing that Office of the Government Minister Chairman Nguyen Xuan Phuc, as Chairman of Vietnam's Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) Council (Reftel), will head the Vietnamese delegation to Washington for the first meeting of the Council, scheduled for mid-December. Full text of the diplomatic note follows in paragraph 2.

12. (U) FULL TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE (Unofficial Translation):

No. 670/BNG-KTDP

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and, with regard to the promotion of bilateral relations under the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement between Vietnam and the United States (TIFA), has the honor to inform as follows:

H.E. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Minister, Chairman of the Government Office, Chairman of Vietnam's TIFA Council, will be heading the Vietnamese delegation to participate in the first meeting of the Council, scheduled to be organized in mid-December in Washington D.C., the United States of America.

The Ministry has the honor to inform so that both sides will proceed with the preparation for the mentioned meeting.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America in Hanoi the assurances of its highest considerations.

Hanoi, November 19, 2007

13. (U) No signed original to follow.

14. (SBU) Comment: The Office of the Government (OOG) is at the heart of the government process in Vietnam and serves as a "clearinghouse" for crosscutting and inter-ministerial issues. As OOG Minister Chairman, Phuc is a close advisor to Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung. Minister Phuc has been an engaged and valued interlocutor on a range of bilateral issues, and his assignment as TIFA Council Chairman demonstrates the value the Government of Vietnam places on the TIFA as a vehicle to advance bilateral trade and investment relations. End comment.

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